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Lord 1500, to this present yeare 1598.

1500.



In this yeare vppon the 24
day of the month of Feb-
ruarie, the Emperour
Charles the first was borne
in the towne of Gaunt in
Flanders, and in the same yere about
the beginning of Sommer in Germany
and Luke-land, there fell a flood of
rivers colours our of, and by the
citties.

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1502. This yeare there was so great a death in Germany, that the common speech among them was, that all those on whom the bloody Crosse fell the yeare before should die, & at the same time there fell such a Haile by Vitupord in Brabant, as the like was neuer seene, for the haile stones were as big as any Tennis ball.

1503. This yeare about the last of Julie in the afternoone, all the Towne of Herderwicke was burnt in the space of three houres, so that there remained but three or foure houses, by the which fire there were smothered aboue 1500 men, and al that was within the houses burnt.

The same yeare there were 200. houses burnt in Gorcum, and at Belle in Flaunders 500 houses.

1504. This yeare died Isabell Queene of Spaine.

1505. About the beginning of Januarie

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tie preparation, was made to bring King Phillip and his wife into Spaine.

The same yeare when King Phillip was gone into Spaine, the Belotts began againe to war vppon Holland and Brabant.

The same yeare about the 27. of September, died Phillip King of Spaine, and Granado presently after his Coronation.

1507. The Towne of Tienen was taken by those of Belder, with the aide of certaine Frenchmen, which was done vpon Saint Michaels day, and Turnholt spoyled.

1508. The 8. of September there arrived two ships at Ternere in Zealand, that came fro the Canaries, being the first ships that euer sailed out of Zealand into Spaine, at the Islands, they were laden with Canarie Sugars, the ships went to Antwarpe, & there offered the Sugar to be sold for the

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blankes a pound, but they could not sell it for so much.

The same yeare the Prince Charles with the Emperour Maximilian his Grandfather, made his entrie into Gaunt.

1509. On the xiii. of October, there was an Earthquake in the Citie of Constantinople that continued for the space of 18 dayes, so that the walles of the Citie, and all the houses upon the Sea side fell downe, and the sea rose so high that it flowed ouer the walles of the Towne, and drowned about 14000. men.

1510. There happened wars betweene Hans King of Denmarke, and the Townes of Holland, Zealand, & Freze-land, against certaine Townes lying vpon the sea: as, Lubecke, Rostocke, and their adherents, which continued for the space of two yeares.

1511. The Emperour Maximilian beto

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a Parliament of the States of Germany
at Ausberg, where there was
ma brought before him, that was so
great that he ate a whole Calf and
a Sheepe raw at one meale, and yet
was not suffized.

1512. There was such a Frost for the
space of nine weekes, that in many
places men went on foote vpon the
salt water.

1513. This yeate Henry the eight King
of England, landed at Callis with a
great power of men, & from thence
entered into the frontiers of Flan-
ders, to make warre against the King
of Fraunce, and at that time hee took
Turwin & Turney and built a Castle
in Turney.

1514. In the moneth of Januarie
at Wittenberge in Saxonie there was
three Sunnes seen in the aire, and
in each Sunne a bloody sword, the
eleuenth of the same moneth.

1512. Shewes liketolle scene,

The 7. of March, there were two
raine bowes sene in the aire that
stood backe to backe.

The same yeare in Layden there
was a Child borne without a heade,
with eyes & mouth in the brest, the
armes and handes sticking close by
the sides, and beneath it was round
without legges or feet.

1513. The first of Januarie died Loys
the clement King of Fraunce.

The same yeare vppon satterday
after candlemas day, Prince Charles
entered into Andwarpe, and the next
day after hee was innested Duke of
Brabant, & receiued homage of al the
17 Prouinces.

1516. The 20. of October the order
of the Golden fleece was holden
by Prince Charles at Brussels, and
Leuenerden was besieged by the
Souldiers.

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1517. The ſame yeare Charles Duke of Austria went into Spaine, there to bee Crowned king.

The ſame yeare the Fraſt was ſo great at Anwarpe that they went on foote ouer the Riner of Scheld, & people roade with Horſe, and wagons ouer the water into Brabant.

1518. Prince Charles was crowned King of Spaine, within the towne of Valedolet, and by Vento about 1200, ſouldiers were ſlaine, that were named the Blache company, the ſame yeare likewise there was an accorde made betweene Brabant & Flanders, & Aſperen was won from the Belgers.

1519. The 12 of Ianuarie died Maximilian the Emperour, Grandfather to Charles King of Spaine. The ſame yere in the month of February Francis de Valois king of France, bought the towne of Tournay, of Henry king

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of England, for a great summe of mo-
ney.

The same yeare wheate was sold
for 12. shillings, and Rye for 9. shillings
the quarter.

1520. This yeare vpon the 23. of Octo-
ber Charles King of Spaine was elec-
ted Emperour, and at Aken in Ger-
manie hee receaued the Imperiall
Crowne with great triumph.

The same yeare in the moneth of
October there was three hundred
houses burnt in Romerswald.

1521. The Emperour Charles in pre-
sence of the King of Denmarke, laide
the first stone of the foundation of
the new quier of our Ladies church
in Andwerpe, and spread the mortar
with a crowell.

The same yeare vppon the 19. of
November, there was 70. parishes
in Holland overflowed and drowned
by force of the water that entered in.

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to the land, and in the same moneth the Towne of Turney was belieged by the Emperour, and vpon Saint Andrewes day it was taken, since which time it hath bin holden vnder the King of Spaines subiection.

522. The Island of Rhodes was wonne by the Turke, and while it was besieged, there rose a muteny in Andwarpe, the people laying that the bakers were the cause of the dearth of corne, which as then was verge deare, the like did the women of Machelen and Brussels against their Bakers.

The same yeare in the moneth of Aprill, by Egmont in Holland there was a Fish taken, being of 30. fote long, & in greatnes correspondent, whereof they made 160. barrells of Fish besides the intrailles.

The same yeare vpon Palmesunday, at Konlen, there were 2. children

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Dien borne that cloue fast together,
hauing two Heades, two Armes,
and two feete, maiden Children, but
dead borne. Upon Saint Andrewes
day the same yere a shippers wife of
Moerbeke baked a loafe of breade of
pure wheate, and when she diewe it
out of the Duen, it was as blacke as
pitch.

— 1523. This yere in the month of March
there was so great a strome of thun-
der & lightning, that there fel haile-
stones as big as hennes egges, and
of diuers colours.

— The same yere Rhodes was againe
wonne from the Turkes.

1524. This yere there was 5. thou-
sand houses burnt in the towne of
Troy in Champania.

1525. This yere during the besieging
of Pavia, there rose great trouble in
Germanie for preaching of the Gos-
pell by Martin Luther.

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The same yeare the Emperour Charles married the king of Portugales Daughter in the Towne of Ciuill in Spayne.

526. This yeare vppon the 23 of February happened the fearefull and cruel battaile befoze Pavia, betweene the Emperour Charles and Francis king of Fraunce, wherein the king of Fraunce was taken prisoner.

527. This yeare vppon the seauenth of May Phillip eldest son to Charles, the Emperour was bozne at Valdolet in Spaine.

The same yeare the citie of Rome was besieged and taken by the Emperour Charles, & the Pope taken prisoner, and in scaling the walles the Duke of Burbon was slaine.

528. This yere vpon the 6. of March 1500. Guelders and many Citizens of Vtrecht, robbed and spoyled the Towne of Hage in Holland.

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— This yeare the Ilande Peru was first found out.

The same yeare vppon the first of June, the Bishop of Vtrecht took the towne of Vtrecht from the Guel ders, slaying and imprisoning all the Captaines and souldiers, drowning two Bishops, and beheading two Citizens.

1519. This yeare in the moneth of Iulie, the Frenchmen bearing the imperiall armes by subtiltie, took the towne of Myllan.

— The same yeare the Turke besieged Vienna with an Armie of two hundredeth and fiftie thousand men.

The same yeare vppon Michaelmas day in the Euening, there died many people of the sweating sickness in Anwarpe.

1521. This yeare vppon the first of January the Emperour Charles was crowned King of the Romans.

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bardie, within the towne of Bononia,
where the Emperour kissed the
Popes foote.

The same yeare vpon the twentieth
four of March, the first stone of the
foundation of the Court of Parlia-
ment at Machelen was laide, which
before was holden in the Pallace.

The same yeare vpon the fift of
November, foure hundred & foure
Parishes were drowned in the low-
Countries.

1531. This yeare the Emperour came
to Collen, where Ferdinand his Bro-
ther was crowned king of Romaines.

The same yeare in the moneth of
August, about Saint Laurence day,
there was a Comet or Blazing Star
seene in the Low-Countries.

The same yeare and moneth, there
was a fish taken vpon the Sea side
in Holland, of the eight sorte to us,
and so was the first time the Anger
being

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being thirteene foote broad.

— The same yeare there happened
an Earthquake in Portingale, that
continued for the space of eight daies,
wherby 1050. houses within Lisbon
fell downe. This earthquake hap-
pened sometimes seauen or eight
times a day, which made the Citi-
zens for feare to leaue the towne, &
lie in the open fields.

— 1532. A woman in Germanie (being
great with child) killed her husband
in the night time, and ate vp his
left side with the arme, the rest of the
dead body she boyled and kept it to
eat.

— The same yeare ouer the towne of
Munster in Westsalie, there was a
man all armed seene in the aire.

— 1533. This yeare Henry the eight king
of England repudiated his wife Ka-
therin, daughter of Ferdinand king of
Spaine, and married his second wife
called

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called Anne of Bullen.

The same yeare Charles Duke of Guelderland, with fīue thousand men ouerthrew the power of the Earle of East Freeland, beeing of fīftee[n] thousand men.

The same yere vpon the sixt of October about twelue of the clocke at night, our Lady Church in Andwarp was burnt.

The same yeare the Towne of Breda was increased and made greater, by Henry Earle of Nassau, who likewise founded the Castle.

1534. This yeare vpon our Lady euen in the month of March, there assembled great numbers of men & women, both of Holland and Zealand, called Anabaptists, that went to passe through Harlame to goe to Munster but at blacke water they were taken and most of them burnt & punished.

The same yeare vpon Mary Mag-

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lens bay, there was more then one thousand houses burnt in Breda.

The same yeare Iohn van Layden, principall of the Anabaptists, with his company tooke the Towne of Munster, driving out the Bishop and all the spiritualty: but being besieged by the Emperours troupe, and constrained by hunger, it was wonne from him. Iohn Van Layden with his associates were executed.

The same yeare, the towne Cleruaus in France was spoyled with thunder, and in three houres cleane burnt.

The same yere the towne of Montalbon in France, was in three houres space cleane burnt & consumed with fire.

The same yeare the Anabaptists came naked through the towne of Amsterdam, and made great uprore.
1535. This yeare the Emperour with

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a great Armie ſapled into Africa
where he drave the Barbarians out
of the towne of Tunis, and reſtored
Muleaſſes to his kingdome againe.

The ſame yeare a Gentleman be-
ing a line ſuncke into the earth, be-
cauſe hee would not ſell corne to the
poore people at a reaſonable price.

This yeare Henry the eight King
of England, in deſpight of the Pope
(becauſe he would not conſent to the
denoſce of Queene Katherin) permit-
ted Luthers doctrine in England.

1536. This yeare vppon the ninth of
May the towne of Delft was burned
and conſumed with fire in the ſpace
of three houres. The ſame yere died
Erasmus of Rotterdam.

1537. This yere Francis king of France
with fifty thouſand men tooke the
towne of Hedding,

The ſame yeare and moneth the
Earle of Buren burnt the townes of

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Saint Paul and Mutterell, & besieged
Turwin.

1538. This yeare Henry King of Eng-
land, suppressed diuers Abbies and
Cloysters in England, keeping all
their lands to himselfe.

1539. This yeare vppon the second of
May Isabell Queene of Spaine, and
Empresse and Daughter to the king
of Portingale died at Toledo in
Spaine.

1541. This yeare the Emperour came
out of Spaine, and at Gaunt hee pu-
nished diuers rebels, and therein
made a goodly Castle.

The same yere the Summer was
so hote, that the Riuer of Rhiin in
some places was dried vp, so that
men past ouer it on foote, the like
did the Riuer of Seine in Fraunce, and
the Figges in Flanders were as ripe
vppon the trees, as if they had come
out of Spayne,

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1542. This yeare vppon the twentieth
four of June, warres were againe
proclaimed betweene the Emperour
and the King of France.

The ſame yeare in the moneth of
Julie vpon Saint Iames day, Martin
Van Roſſe, with great number of ſol-
diers came beſore Andwarpe, and
thought to haue ſurpreſſed the
towne, hee burnt all the Milles in
Saint Willebordes field, and from
thence he went into Lukeland, where
he was forced with ſhame to retire.

The ſame yeare the Emperours
Souldiers tooke Deuentre and other
townes from the Duke of Guelder

The ſame yeare in Germanie after
a raine, there fell great numbers of
Grashoppers, which did great hurt
to the fruits of the earth.

1543. This yeare the Emperour
Charles, made Phillip his Son King
of Spaine, and married him with

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Mary the King of Portugales daughter.

The same yeare the Emperour came out of Spaine and went into Guelderland, where vpon the eight of August he besieged Dueren, and willed them to yeelde it vnto him, but the townes men said that they feared not a Haddocke eater: which not long after the Emperour made them dearely to rue, and at the same time Amersford was taken by the Guelders.

1544. This yeare the Scots throughout all the Heather land were proclaimed enemies to the Emperour.

1545. This yere Charles, eldest Sonne to Phillip king of Spaine, was borne in Valedolet in Spaine.

1546. This yere the Emperour made warre against the Duke of Saxon, & the Lantgraue of Hessen.

The same yeare the Castle of Blank-

Blakerhooke by Rammekens in Walcheren was made.

The same yeare vpon the eight of August, a lightning falling in the towne of Mechelen, blew vp a towre full of Gunpowder, and therewith slew at the least 1800. men, without any other hurt.

1547. This yeare vpon the twentieth foure of April the Emperour tooke the Duke of Saxon prisoner, and overthrew his armie.

1548. This yere the Emperour came into Brabant, bringing with him the Duke of Saxon, and Phillip Landgraue of Hessen prisoners.

1549. This yere Phillip king of Spaine came out of Spaine into the Low-Countries, where hee was inuested with the gouernment thereof.

The same yeare about the thirteenth of October, Phillip king of Spaine made his entry into Gaunt, and not

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long after into Anwarpe.

The same yeare the next day after
Whitsunday, Katherine Demedices
was Crowned Queene of France,
within the towne of Saint Dennis.

1550. This yeare the Christians won
Africa from the Turks and Moors,
and then the passage from Brussels
was begun to be digged.

The same yeare vpon the twentieth
two of October, the Emperour be-
sieged Metz.

1551. This yeare the Landgraue of Hes-
sen was discharged of his imprison-
ment, and set at libertie.

1553. This yeare the Emperours Ar-
mie tooke the towne of Turwin which
they spoyled, and rased the walles
to the ground.

The same yeare the Emperour
tooke the towne of Hedding.

1554. This yere Phillip king of Spaine,
went into England to marrie Marie
Queene

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Queene of England.

1555. This yere died Iane Queene of Spaine, mother to y^e Emperour Charles.

1556. This yere king Phillip held his first feast of the order of the Golden Fleece in Andwarpe.

The same yere vpon the eightene of Februarie died Martin Luther.

The same yere there was a Comet scene, that continued for the space of fourtene dayes, betokening (as some iudged) the warres which at that time began in the low countries.

The same yere peace was proclaimed betweene Phillip King of Spaine, and Henry king of France, and the same yere vpon the seauenteenth of September, the Emperour departed out of the Low Countries, to goe into Spaine.

1557. This yere vpon twelfe enen, the Frenchmen thought by treason to haue

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haue taken the towne of Doway, but they fayled of their purpoſe.

The ſame yeare Phillip King of Spaine with an army of Neatherlanders, beſieged the towne of Saine Quintins, where the greateſt part of the nobilitie of France came to raiſe the ſiege: but they were almoſt all taken and ſlaine, & vpon the twenty five of Auguſt after the towne was taken.

The ſame yere was a great dearth: ſoꝛ at Andwarp Wte was ſold ſoꝛ viii. guilders, and wheat ſoꝛ xii. guilders the buſhell.

1558. This yeare Ferdinand King of Hungarie and Bohemia was elected Emperour.

The ſame yeare the Frenchmen made a road into Flaunders, where they robbed and burnt Dunkerke.

The ſame yere vpon the fifteenth day of Iulie, Dunkerke was wonne againe

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againē from the Frenchmen, and all
that were founde therein ſlaine and
murdered.

The ſame yeare vpon the twenty
one of September, the Emperour
Charles died in Spaine, and vpon the
eighteene of October, about 28.
dayes after the death of the Empe-
rour died Mary his Siſter.

The ſame yere vpon the thirteene
of December the Emperours Func-
tall was celebrated within Bruffels.

559. This yeare vpon the third of A-
prill, peace was determined at Cam-
braye between Phillip king of Spaine,
and the French king, and king Phil-
lip married the eldeſt Daughte of
Henry King of France, and each of
them redeliuered ſuch towneſ as
they held by force.

The ſame yeare at the marriage of
king Phillip with the French Kings
daughte, Henry king of France run-
ning

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ning at tilt, was by a splinter
Monsieur Mongomries Launce thru
into the eye, wherof vpon the twen
tie of July after he died.

The same yeare vpon the twen
nine of July, King Phillip celebrat
the order of the Golden Fleece
the towne of Gaunt.

The same yeare the Dutchesse
Parma entred into the Neather
lands for regent thereof.

The same yeare the Scots bega
to profess the Religion, and to lea
Papistrie.

1560. This yeare in the month of J
nuarie, king Phillip married Eliz
beth de Valois, daughter to Henry
second king of France in the tow
of Guarda la Iura in Spaine.

The same yeare vpon the twen
six of Februarie, the first stone of
foundation of the new towne hou
of Andwarpe was laid.

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61. This yere was the first time that shippes sayled in the newe Riuer of Brussels.

The same ycare diuers Bishops were newly erected in certaine townes in the Netherlands.

The same yere the prince of Conde with diuers souldiers called Huguenets, took certaine townes in France: which hee did, by reason of certaine controuerfies that happened among the Nobilitie, touching the obseruation of an edict of peace, made in the behalfe of the religion.

62. This ycare the Duke of Guise in the name of Charles king of France, tooke the Citie of Roane, and executed diuers of the Citizens.

63. This ycare in the month of May — ouer the towne of Callis, there was scene in the aire, two men armed, & all bloody to the knees, each of them bearing a shielde in his left hande, whereof

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whereof the one had a Crosse, the other a Lyon in it, and after them followed two women appaelled in white.

The same yere eight hundred houses were burnt within the towne of Poperin in Flaunders.

The same yere there was so great a plague in England, that in London there died eightene hundred men in one weeke.

— 1564. This yere vpon the seuenteenth of May died Iohn Calvin.

1565. This yere the Winter of Sheldes frose so hard, that the people sold wine and beere vpon the riuer before Andwarpe.

1566. This yere vpon the first of April, the Nobilitie and Gentlemen of the Low Countries presented a petition to the Dutchesse of Parma, requesting the moderation of all placarts published touching Religion.

gion. Upon the fourth of July Religion began openly to bee preached in the Low Countries.

The same yeare vpon the twentieth of August Images in Andwarpe and other places were throwne downe.

1567. This yeare those of the Religion, stood armed vpon the Maerebrug, and the papists at the huge foot, one readie to set vpon the other, but by the Prince of Oranges means they were pacified.

The one and twentieth of Aprill the Prince of Orange hauing had intelligence what was determined in Spaine touching the Low countries, and hauing aduertised the Earle of Egmont thereof, hee went into Germanie.

The twenty two of August Duke D'Alva with great triumph (althogh unworthie) was receiued into Brussels.

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The same yeare vpon the ninth of September, the Earles of Egmont & Horne were committed to prison by the Duke of Alua, and kept in the Castle of Gaunt.

The seauenteenth of October, the Castle of Andwarpe was begun to be made.

The last of December, the Dutchesse of Parma departed out of the Low Countries, and presently after the Duke of Alua, imprisoned diuers of the peopie that were of the Religion, and such as had bozne armes. 1568. This yeare in Easter Holidiaies the Earle Lodwicke tooke the house of Weden in Freesland and Dam, in the which enterprise, the Earle of Arenberch and diuers Spaniards were ouerthrowne.

The first of Iulie the Duke of Alua caused the two Lordes of Batenborch, and sixteene gentlemen more to

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to be beheaded.

The second of July the Duke of Alua sent his forces into Freeland against the Earle Lodwicke that stayed for him, but because the Dutch Souldiers would not fight, he was forced to save himselfe, and swam through the river of Embdze.

The fift of Julie the Duke of Alua caused the Earles of Egmont & Horne to be beheaded in the towne of Brussels.

The tenth of September, the Earle of Bueren was taken in Louen, & conveyed into Spaine.

In the moneth of October the Prince of Orange passed the River of the Mase at Stochem with certaine Dutch forces, but the Dutchmen when they should fight, asking for money, were the cause that he could not fight with the enemye, whereby

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pon he went into France, to ayde the Hugonots.

— 1569. This yeare vpon the thirteenth of march, the Prince of Conde being taken prisoner, was trayterouslie shot into the body by Montesquion.

— 1570. This yeare vpon the sixteenth of July, the Duk of Alua published a generall pardon within the towne of Andwarpe.

The twentie five of September, Anna of Austria took shipping in Zealand to sayle into Spaine.

— This moneth Ladron gouernour of Valencia, was by his Souldiers committed prisoner, because they would haue the pay of nyne companies of souldiers, the mony wherof he had played at dice, which he promised them to satiffie, and to the same end he gotte diuers of them to Andwarpe, where he committed and executed.

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cutted at leaſt two & forty of the principall mutiners.

1571. This yere Harmon Ruyter tooke the Caſtle of Loeuſtein, which the Spaniardes not long after tooke from him againe, and hanged both him, & all his companie.

In the moneth of December, the mony that the Duke of Alua ſhould haue receaued out of Spaine was taken by the Queene of Englands ſhips and carried into England.

1572. This yere in the moneth of Februarye, the Duke of Alua ſought to haue a tribute of the tenth penny, but he could not obtaine it.

The firſt of Aprill, the Brill was taken by Lumine, and not long after Flushing and Enchuyſen yeelded to the Prince of Orange againſt the Duke of Alua.

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The ninth of Aprill, Bossu with certaine Spaniards desired to passe through Rotterdam, where traiterau-ly he murdered diuers Burgers, & tooke in Delfeshauen.

The twentieth fourc of May, Earle Lodowicke tooke Bergen in Henegon, which the Duke of Alua presently besieged, and tooke Bergen & Valechyn againe.

In August the Prince of Conde with his armie beeing at Duesborge passed ouer the Rhein and tooke Ruermonde, & Leuen by composition, & Mechelen yeelded of it selfe, that done, he went to Bergen Henegon to help the Earle Lodowick, but by reason of the great murther in France, hee could not helpe his Brother, and so passed through Mechelen into Holland.

The second of September, the Earle

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Earle Lodowick by composition yielded the towne of Bergen to the Duke of Alua, vppon condition that hee should bee conuained safelie vnto the borders of Germanie, which was performed.

The second of October Mechelen was forcibly taken & spoyled, wherein many Burgers were murthred, & women and maides deflowred, because they receaued the Prince of Orange into the towne.

The twenty of October Monsieur Dragon passed his men through the water at Southberland towards Dergosen.

The thirteenth of Nouember, the Spaniards tooke Zutphen, where they vsed the Burgers very cruelly.

The twentie of Nouember Don Fredericke entered into Narden, where contrary to his faith and promise he
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murdered diners of the Burgers, & burnt the towne.

1573. This yeare Don Fredericke came befoze Harlem.

The twentie three of Aprill Sancy Dauila Captaine of the castle in Andwarpe, with a great armie of ships, came befoze Flushing, where hee & all his shippes were take by the Flushingers.

The thirteenth of Iulie, Harlem yeelded to the Spaniards, committing themselves to the Kinges mercy, which they did for want of victuals.

The fourth of October the Castle of Ramekins in Zeeland yeelded to the Prince of Orange, and not long after Gertrudenberg was taken by Poyer, Liefetenant to the Prince.

The eight of October, the Spaniards besieged Almar, but by reason of the water they were forced to leaue it.

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The twelfth of October, the Earle of Boslu with a great Naue of ships came befoze Enckhusen: where hee was taken, & sent prisoner to Horne.

In December the Duke of Alua went into Spaine.

1574. This yeare the King of Spayne sent Don Loys de requesentie (Commander of Saint Iacobs order, and of the house of the Dukes of Coſa) into the Low Countries to bee Gouernour, he thought to haue rayled the Princes siege befoze Midleborow, but the twenty foure of Januarie after, his mē were ouerthrowen at Bergen. The sixt of Februarie Monsieur Dragon Gouernour of Midleburge yelded vp the towne to the Prince of Orange.

The sixt of Aprill, the Commander published a generall pardon within the towne of Brussels.

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The twentieth foure of Aprill, the Spaniards ouerthrew the Princes armie at Mokerheye, their Generall being Duke Christopher ſon to the Palſgrane of Rhein, Earle Lodowicke, and Earle Henry of Naſſawe, who were neuer found eyther dead or a liue.

The twenty ſixe of Aprill, the Spaniards in Andwarpe cried, fuere, fuere, Viliacoes, becauſe they would bee paid.

The xxvj. of May, the Spaniardes came again befoze Leyden, and beſieged it, where befoze it they made 22. Bulwarkes.

At the ſame time the Princes ſoldiers with certaine ſhips came befoze Andwarpe, and there tooke certaine ſhips in the ſight of the Commander.

The third of October, the towne of Leyden was miraculoſly releaſed,
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ued, and the siege rayled by meanes
of Captaine Boyset with a Fleete of
ships, that entered into it by water.

In December, an assemblie
was holden at Breda, betweene the
Commaunder and the Prince and
States of Holland and Zealand, to
make a peace.

1575. This yeare the towne and castle
of Bueren was by the Gouvernour
thereof deliuered vnto the Spaniards.

The same yeare Bomell was besie-
ged the whole summer long.

The twelfth of Iulie, the Prince
of Orange married Charlotte daughter
to Monsieur de Monpensier within the
towne of Brill.

The twelfth of August Shooncho-
uen was by composition yeelded to
the enemye.

The twentieth eight of August Old-
water was forcibly taken by the Spa-
niards,

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niards, & many of the Burgers murdered.

The eight of September, the Spaniards besieged Wert, & not long after it yeilded vp.

The twenty eight of September the Spaniardes passed the waters at Saint Annessant, Duyuelant, and Philipslant, where Boyset was slain, there they tooke the fort of Bonnuene and besieged Zuriczee.

1576. This yeare the twentieth of Februarie, the Princes souldiers tooke Krimpen.

The fift of march the Commander died in Brussels.

In May the Spaniardes tooke Zuriczee, and not long after they left Zealand, and went to Aelst, and tooke the towne.

The twentieth three of September, Monsieur de Hesse Bonernoz of Brussels,

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ſels, and the Lorde-Glunes with the aide of the Burgers, tooke the principalleſt of the ſtates, being in coun- cell within Bruffels.

The twentieth of October the Spani- ardes tooke Maſtricke, by meanes of the Dutch Souldiers that lay in it, wherein they robbed, ſpoyled, & mur- thered without mercy.

The ſame day Don Iohn de Austria, came to Lutzenburgh, and was ſent by the King of Spaine to bee Gouver- neur in the Low Countries.

The fourth of November, was the furie of Andwarpe, which was done by the Spaniards, that iſſued out of the Caſtle into the towne, wherein they ſlew about 9500. men Burgers, and Souldiers, 4000. drowned with the Earle of Overſteine, burnt ſixe hun- dred houſes, and ransomed the Bur- gers.

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The eight of Nouember, peace was made at Gaunt betwene the Prince, & the States of Holland and Zealand, & the Spaniards.

The fift of Nouember, the towne of Valencia, caused the Dutch Souldiers to depart out of the towne, and by appointment the Spaniards deliuered vp the Castle.

The ninth of Nouember the Earle of Krulx Gouvernor of Flanders, besieged the Castle of Gaunt, which the Spaniards yeelded by composition.

1577. This yeare vppon the eightene of Februarie, those of Vtrecht besieged the Castle, and compelled the Spaniards to yeeld it to Bossu.

The twentieth seauen of February, the peace agreed vppon with Don Iohn, was proclaimed in Andwarpe.

The twentieth of March the Spaniards went out of the Castle of Andwarpe,

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warpe, & the Prince of Chima kept it.

Upon May day, Don Iohn was with great honoz receaued into Brufſels.

The cleauenth of July, Don Iohn went to Mechelen, where hee ſent for the Dutch Captaines of that towne, and of the towne and Caſtle of Andwarpe, and cominanded them to keep the townes for him. He ſent likewise for the Prince of Chima, and in his place ſent Monsieur Tournalon, & from thence he went to Namen.

The ſecond of July, betweene Saſſinghen, and Heſſinghen, there was a Fiſh taken of fiſtie eight foot long, & fortie foote thicke.

The twenty nine of July, Don Iohn took the Caſtle of Namen, which was the cauſe of a new warre.

The fiſt of Auguſt, Tournalon was taken in the Caſtle of Andwarpe, and his

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his Souldiers driven out, who with the high Dutchmen tooke the new towne, and there insconed themselves.

The twentieth eight of August, Monsieur de Bours deliuered the castle vnto the Burgers that broke it downe on the side that ioineth to the towne.

The twenty eight of September. the Prince of Orange entred into Andwarpe, and the 22. he rood to Brussels, and the 24. hee was chosen Gouverneur.

The eighteene of October, those of Gaunt tooke the Duke of Aerschot prisoner, to get their priueledges againe.

The same time also they tooke the Bishops of Ipre, and of Brugges, the Lord of Rassingen Campany, and the chiefe Baylie of Ipre and Cortricke.

The twentieth one of Nouember,
Duke

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Duke Mathias entred into the Lowe Countries to be their Gouvernour.

The seauenth of December Don Iohn with his souldiers, were proclaimed enemies to the King.

1578. This yeare vpon the eightene of Ianuarie, Duke Mathias was sworne Gouvernour within the town of Brussels.

The last of Ianuarie, the riters of Don Iohn de Austria ouerthrew the States troupes hard by Namen, and tooke Giblyon, Leuuen, Aerfchor, Tenen, Diest, and Sichein.

The eight of Februarie, Amsterdam agreed with the States of Holland.

The twentie two of Aprill, the pacification of Gaunt was published & sworne in Andwarpe, and the Iesuits refusing to doe it, were by ship sent out of the towne.

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The twentieth of Julie the Dutch
Souldiers that lay in Campe, yeelded
vp the towne that was besieged by
the Earle of Rennenburg, that held it
for the States.

The first of August, the Spaniardes
set vppon the States Souldiers by
Rymenant, Bossu beeing their beadle:
where Don Iohn lost many of his
men.

The twenty foure of September,
certain Wallons mutined vnder pre-
sence of their pay, and by the help of
Montigny made warre vppon Gaunt.

The same ycare the Gospell was
openly preached throughout Brabant
and Flaunders.

The first of October, Don Iohn de
Austria, died of the plague, and in his
place entred the Prince of Parma.

The nineteenth of Nouember, the
Earle of Remuenburg had the towne
of De-

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Deuenter deliuered vnto him by composition.

1579. This yeare in the month of Ianuarie, the Prince of Parma took the Castle of Weert, and then came towards Andwarpe, and so to Mastricht.

About the same time the Commissioners of the States met at Kenlen, to treat of peace.

The twenty nine of July, the Spaniards took Mastricht by assault, and entred it by force.

The twenty of October Captaine La Noue tooke Meen againe, with the Castles of Halewin and Waerwick.

1580. This yere vpon the twenty seauen of Februarie, the Earle of Egmont took Cortright for the Spaniards.

In Aprill Mechelen was taken againe for the States, by Monsieur Temple.

The seuentene of July, the Spaniards

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ards tooke Delfe Ilc, and Cowerden.
1581. Upon the fourteenth of February, in the towne of Steanwicke, was beleagued by the Lord of Nieuenort, & Colonell Norris, where many Spaniards were slaine.

The twenty three of June, Breda by meanes of Fresin that lay prisoner in the Castle was betrayed and deliuered to the Spaniards.

The xviij. of August, the towne of Cambray was deliuered by the Duke of Alençon, which the Prince of Parma had besieged.

The seauenth of September Endhousen was taken, and not long after taken againe from the Spaniards.

The fourth of October, the Prince of Parma tooke Dornicke by composition, after hee had many times assailed it.

The twentieth nine of October,
Duke

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Duke Mathias went out of the Lowe Countries.

1582. This yeare vpon the nineteene of Februarye, the Duke Alenson by ship arrived in Andwarpe, and the twenty two of the same moneth, hee was sworne Gouvernour of the Countrie of the States.

The eightene of March the Prince of Conde was shotte into the heade within the towne of Andwarpe by one Iohn lauregni.

The nineteene of Aprill the Prince of Parma besieged Andenard, & tooke it for want of aide.

The twentieth three of Aprill Monsieur de Tion, Tempel, and Monsieur de la Guard tooke Aelst.

The eleauenth of Iulie, Nicholas Zalcedo thought to haue slaine the Duke of Alenson, but hee was taken and brought to Paris, where vpon

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the twentieth two of October, he was
torn in peeces by foure horses.

The second of August, the Scots
that lay in Liere betrayed the towne,
and deliuered it to the Prince of
Parma.

The fifteene of August the Duke
Alençon was receiued into the towne
of Gaunt as Earle of Flaunders.

The xxiij. of September, Lo-
chem was deliuered by the Earle of
Hollocke, wherein were thre Earles.

The same moneth the Prince of
Parma tooke Nieuenhoven.

1583. This yeare the seventeene of Ja-
nuarie, the French furie happened in
Andwarpe, where the Duke Alençon
vnder pretence of a muster meant to
haue betrayed it, in the which enter-
prise he lost fifteene hundred French-
men, besides hurt men & prisoners,
and but 83. Burgers slaine,

The thirteenth of Februarie, the
news

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new Burse of Andwarpe was burnt.

In August the Spaniards tooke
Dixmuyden, and in December they
besieged Ipre.

The twenty foure of October, the
Spaniards tooke Sas by Gent.

The thirteenth of October, the
baylie of Wast deliuered the land of
Wast to the Spaniards, and they of
Andwarpe cut the Diches.

1584. In this yere in the month of Fe-
briuarie, Aelt was deliuered to the
Prince of Parma.

The twelfth of April the Prince of
Parma tooke Ipre.

The tenth of June, the Prince of
Parma besieged the sconce of Lillo,
but hec was forced to leaue it with
shame.

The tenth of July, the Prince of
Parma tooke Liefekins hooke.

The same day the Prince of Orange
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was slaine in Delf by one Balthazer Gerrarts, the same month the States lost Herentales.

The sixteene of August, Dermond was deliuered to the Prince of Parma.

The twentieth six of September, the towne of Gaunt for want of victuals yeelded to the Prince of Parma.

1585, This yeare Braue Holocke tooke Hertogenbosh, but hec was forced to leane it againe with some losse of his men.

The same yeare vppon Saint Matthews eueing, the bridge by Calco was fully finished.

The tenth of March, Brussels for want of victuals agreed with the Prince of Parma.

The fourth of Aprill the Ships that were set on fire, and sent by them of Andwarpe to fire the bridge, entred vnder

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Under it and did much hurt.

The same time the Hollanders, and Zealanders took in Liefskins hooke, S. Annes hooke, and Venten,

The scauenteene of July, the towne of Mechelen for want of victuals yeelded to the Prince of Parma.

The tenth of August an agreement was made betweene England and the Low Countries.

The eleuenth of August the Prince of Parma receaued the Golden Fleece at the bridge of Calloo on Brabant side.

The twenty seauen of August the Prince of Parma entred into Andwarpe.

The second of September the bridge was broken.

The ninth of Nouember, the Ditches of the Castle of Andwarpe were digged againe.

1586. This yeare about the beginning thereof the Earle of Leicester came into Holland, and the sixt of Februarie after was proclaimed Gouernour.

The sixt of June the towne of Graue by composition yeclded to the Prince of Parma.

The twenty nine of June he tooke Venlo likewise by composition.

The sixteene of July the Englishmen tooke Axel in Flaunders.

The seuentene of July the Prince of Parma besieged the towne of Nuse, and the xxvj. of the same, hee tooke it by assault.

The tenth of December, at Limer a village lying by Tienen there rained blood vpon the Isle, in a gentlemans Orchard, and it fell so hot, that there with the Isle hissed, as if one had thrust a pipe of Lead into it, & sunke at the least a foot deepe into the Isle.

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1587. This yere vpon the xvij. of Ianuarie, the Frenchmen trafterously yeelded vp the Castle of Woud by Bergen.

The same month the towne of Denter was betrayed to the Spaniard, by Sir Edward Stanley.

The fourth of Iuly the towne of Gelder was betrayed by a Scot called Patron.

The last of Iulie, Wye was solde in Andwarpe for twelue Guilders, & wheat for fiftene guilders the quarter.

The ninth of August the towne of Sluce yeelded to the Prince of Parma, after he had shot 16000 Cannon shot at the towne.

The same yere died Augustus Landgrave of Saxon.

1588. This yere the Queene of Scots was beheaded in England.

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Not long before that, the Earle of Leicester returned againe into the low Countries.

The same yeare hapned the trouble before Medenblicke.

The same time the Lord of Buckhurst came into the Low Countries in the Queene of Englands behalfe.

The same yeare in June the Earle of Hollocke tooke the house of Loon, & the Sconce of Enghelen in the water that goeth to Bosch, where Houtepen was slaine, and died at Hertogenbushe.

The first of July there was contention in Vtrecht betwene the Earle of Newenare, and the Magistrates & Burgers.

About August & September, there was much talking of peace, whereupon the Queene of England sent her Ambassadors out of England into Flanders

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Flanders, at the request of the Prince of Parma, but it was all but treason.

The twenty six of October, at Layden were executed Iaques Valmar, Cosmo de Pescarenges, & Nicholas Mauld, and some for the same cause banished out of the towne.

The twentieth three of December, Shenk tooke Bon.

About this time the Prince of Parma prepared diuers ships and flatter bottomed boates, at Andwarpe, and at Dunkerke, which did little profit or aide to the Spanish Fleet.

The xxvij. of Februarie, 1588. a woman in Dort was deliuered of iiii. men childzen at a birth, that were all lining and christned, their names being, Abraham, Isaac, Iacob and Samuel.

The tenth of March, Gertrudenberghe fell in a muteny.

The xij. of Aprill, the Earle of Leicester

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cester was discharged of his gouernment by open placart. About this time died the king of Denmarke.

- The twentie eight of Aprill, a woman in Dort was deliuered of three childzen at one birth, and christned, Abraham, Sara and Susanna.

About the middle of May, the Prince of Parma thought to haue put out of Dunkerke with a great Fleet of Ships, but the Hollanders kept him in.

At the same time the Queene of England prepared her Navy in a readines, & made great preparation for the wars, although in the meane time a peace was intreated of.

- The thirteenth of May, a great Armie of Spanish ships set out of Lisbon for Gronie, whereof the like had neuer bin heard of, which was the Fleet that meant to haue done great hurt to England and the Low Countries, but

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God mercifully deliuered vs out of their hands.

In Iuly the muteny at Gertrudenberghe was appeased.

The xiiij. of September the Earle of Leicester died in England.

The same moneth Sir Thomas Candish an English Gentleman came out of Indie with a ship laden with gold and siluer, hauing sayled round about the world.

The viij. of October, there was great mutenie in Verecht, where Captaine Clarehagen was stabbed, but died not of that wound.

About this time the Prince of Parma besieged Bergen vp Zome, and went from it againe, not without both losse and shame.

About this time Sir Martin Shenk made a Sconce about the towne Bom-mell vpon Voorne.

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The xix. of Nouember, the Prince of Parma departed from Bergen vpon Zone, after hee had besieged it for the space of sixe weekes.

The xxv. of September, Bon was deliuered vp to the Prince of Parma.

In October the Earle of Mansfeld besieged Watchtendour, and the xx. of December, hee agreed with the souldiers that they should issue out all armed, with Ensignes displayed.

— The thirteenth of December, the Duke of Guise was slain by the king of France, which the Guisart meant to haue done to him, and the next daie the Cardinall of Guise his Brother was likewise slaine.

1589. This yeare Gertrudenberg was besieged by the States, & long battered, but in the end they left it off, & the Souldiers within it solde the towne for fiftene moneths pay.

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to the Prince of Parma, which they deliuered vpon the tenth of Aprill.

The thirtcenth of Aprill the Prince of Parma tooke the house of Lobben, but within thye dayes after hee lost it againe.

The scuentene of May, the Spaniard tooke the sconce of Deeuere by Heusden.

The twentie two of May, the Prince of Parma tooke the house of Hemart.

The twenty fine of June he tooke the house of Blienbeeke.

The sixteene of Iuly he tooke the houses of Proyen & Brakel, but now are left againe, and cleane burnt with the Dorpe.

The fifteene of Iuly the Prince of Parma besieged Heusden, and from thence hee went with shame enough into France.

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The first of August, Henry the third King of France was murdered by a Friar.

The eleauenth of August, Sir Martin Shenke was drowned by Nimmegen, thinking to haue taken the towne.

The twentieth foure of August, the enemye tooke the house of Heel in Bommelsweert.

1590. This yeare vppon the fourth of March, Braue Maurice tooke the towne of Breda, by meanes of a ship of fufes wherein were about 70. men their leader beeing Captaine Argier of Lambrecht.

The xxvij. of September Henry was yeilded to Braue Maurice.

The third of October hee likewise tooke the house of Heel.

The xxix. of October Steenberghen was yeilded to the States.

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The same ycare in the moneth of March, Graue Charles came before the Stouce of Seuenbergen with a great force thinking to take it, but with shame and losse of almost 1000 men, he was constrained to leaue it.

1591. In Paris victuals were so deere, that it was compared to the destruction of Ierusalem, for a townesman therein constrained by hunger, hung his wife and childzen, which done he set a bill vpon his own breast, wherein he wrote the cause of that action, & then hanged himselfe, for at that time within the towne they ate Horses, Asles, Dogges, Cats, Rats, & Wine leaues, a pound of butter was solde for two Crownes, and an Egge for twelue sold, and great numbers died for hunger.

The same ycare vppon the twenty sixe of May, Sutphen was besieged

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and deliuered into the handes of Branc
Maurice.

The thirty one of May, Deuenter
was beliged, and after it had receaued
3700 shotte against it, they yeilded it
vnto the States.

The twentieth eight of June, Branc
Maurice went before Delffile with three
and thirtie great peeces, and the second
of July it was yeilded vnto him.

The fift of July, hee came before the
Stronge of Opfach, and with 160. shot
battered it, which was yeilded to the
States.

Upon the seauenth of July the soul-
diers therein issuing disarmed.

The next day Branc Maurice went
to the Stronge of Immentil, and after 36.
shot at the same, they yeilded it vnto
him vpon the eleauenth of July.

The twenty foure of the same month
five Cornets of horse of the Prince of
Par-

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Parmas troupes were quartered
in Betue, whereof one was the prince
of Parmas Guard.

The twenty five and twenty tenth
of July, the Prince of Parma left the
Sconce of Knodseburg.

The xix. of September Brane
Maurice besieged Hull, which the xxv.
of the same month yielded unto him.

The xliij. of October Kimmeghen
was besieged, and the xxij. of the same
month yielded to Brane Maurice.

1592. This yere Steenwicke yielded un-
to Brane Maurice, vppon the first of
July.

The xxij. of September, Couerden
yielded to the States.

1593. This yere vppon the xxviij. of
March, Brane Maurice with a great
power went to besiege Gertruden-
berge, and the vij. of April the enemy
yielded vnder the Steelhofes Sconce, by

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composition.

The xliij. of June, the Bulwarke was take by force by Captaine Haen and Buury, whereby the towne was forced to yeelde to Branc Maurice, who let the souldiers issue out with their armes, but no colours.

The xliij. and xxi. of May, Branc Maurice wth 120. companies of foote, & xxvj. Cornets of horsemen departed from Swool to relceue Couerden, which had bin besieged for the space of sixe months together, by the Earle Harman and Verdugo, but hearing of the states forces, they left their forts, and departed, and so the towne was deliuered.

The xxij. of July, Branc Maurice took the towne of Gronning.

1595. This yeare vppon the xxviij. of March, about nine of the clocke at night the dicke by Gorcum by a high water

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water brake through, and ranne out
der the Wapendrecht.

The xxij. of July, they began to
digge without the support of Dort,
to enlarge the towne.

The cleauenth of August foure &
fortie Dunkerkers and Spaniards,
were hanged by Rotterdam.

The 2 of September, Earle Phillip
of Nassau passed at Ramsburg ouer the
Lip with fure hundred men, where
with other Earles hee fought most
valiantly with Monsieur Dragons re-
giment, in which fight, the said Earle
Phillip, and the yong Earle of Solmes
were slaine, yet Dragon lost thrice as
many men as Brane Maurice did.

1596. This yeare the seauenteene of A-
prill Albertus Cardinall of Austria
wan Callis from the French King.

The thirtie of Iulie, the English-
men with certaine Holland, and Zea-
lands

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Ands ships by force took the towne of
Cadyz Malis in Spaine, which they
spoiled, pilld, and burnt, bringing
great treasure from thence.

The sixtene of July, there was a
Comet or blazing starre scene in the
Low Countries.

The seuentene of August the Car-
dinal took Hulst in Flanders by com-
position after he had lost 6000 of his
best souldiers before the towne.

1627. This yeare vppon the twentie
four of Januarie, Brasse Maurice w
six thousand men, met the enemy at
Tuelshedyde by Turenhoult, where he
set vppon them, being a great num-
ber, who beeing aduersed of his
comming fled away, whome he fol-
lowed, and hauing overtaken them,
he slew of them to the number of two
thousand men, among the which,
their Generall the Earle of Ferrara
was

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was one.

**The eleauenth of March the towne
of Amyens in France was by treason be-
sinered to the Cardinall for the King of
Spaine.**

**The nineteene of August the towne
of Renisberg by composition was yel-
ded to the Statcs.**

**The twentie foure of August the Cam-
mille Sconce yeldded to Brane Maurice.**

**The second of September the towne
of Meurs yeldded by composition
vnto Brane Maurice.**

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